OF THE STRAIN OF FLYING.

Story of His Attempt to Win the Attitude Record -Nerve Backing Climb Up-

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9,897 feet, the highest man had ever been weakened condition. in an aeroplane, and had read in the evening papers that my great ambition to to continue the fight upward. I set be the first to go up above the coveted my teeth hard and again pulled the con-Legagneaux had risen 10,199 that after- sound behind me and I glanced back

yond all question now. Here's a fellow forced myself to look straight ahead and who has beaten him by 500 feet."

tude climbing as though it were a pleasant | fatal. fittle postime to be nonchalantly enjoyed | So I doggedly fixed my mind upon the for the benefit of one's appetite.

hears the creaking of the woodwork laughed aloud.

Then 1 reme wires and he knows that one little ounce mine had come to me at the hangar before ble of ends. He plugs onward and up-ward, sick at heart and in body, utterly "Are you re weary and hopeless, nerves gone, atrength to-day?" ebbing fast, brain dizzy, ears bursting and eyes swimming, until a momentary My friend's quizzical look turned. I spell of near unconsciousness makes thought, to a smile of open disbelief, as him pull himself together for the awful though he and I were sharing a secret hell of that final plunge to earth, to leave him practically helpless when at last him practically helpless when at last "Do you think you have any chance he does reach the ground. And they of making it?" he asked. call all this easy!

In the old days perhaps it was easy. One thousand feet was not so difficult. it, for he had to learn confidence in him-

came and went and then entered the new element of the limitations of human endurance, for it began to be seen that not only was the machine itself reaching or approaching the point where the lifting power and make it even more awe inspiring absolutely stopped but man himself than it is to the floating balloonist, away to the ground again.

to describe that long, vast plunge to loudly, boisterously, earth after every nerve has collapsed. The sound of my or definite impressions of it; nothing but to laugh at after all a shuddering memory of horrors rushing flashed across my mind, with all the hor-

And Morane knew knew enough to give it up before his death, just as the other altitude climbers, except myself, last few feet were such a bitter struggle 19,000. But I venture to say that Legagneaux will wait a long time before he thing was a blur to me.

I should like to have had him with me Blériot toward the earth. on my flight from Philadelphia for the I have not words to describe that dethat it was "getting easier all the time."

I venture to say that thereafter, when the papers record another altitude record in a few brief words, he would do as I do, shake his head and draw his breath in through his teeth at the realization of the ages of suffering that the could give an idea of its horrors without making it seem like silly exaggeration.

Every reader has probably gone down in through his teeth at the realization of the ages of suffering that the could give an idea of its horrors without making it seem like silly exaggeration.

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Every reader has probably gone down if ited brought me back to my senses, and I circled again to come up on it from the best direction. must have undergone during his hour and sick at the stomach it made you? and some minutes of flying.

Easy! That would have looked easy zontal momentum. enough, certainly.

Again I had to bring all my self-congruence around as I mounted, the first 2,000 feet were told off quickly, and then more all more slowly the indicator went as I entered the thinner strata of the upper air and began the struggle to pass the thousand marks. Three, four, five, six thousand I passed, each one taking an increasing length of time and requiring more of physical effort and mental and increasing length of time and requiring more of physical effort and mental and increased the congruence and increase and I remember wonders and I remember wonders the congruence and increased the congruence and increased the congruence and increased the congruence and increased the congruence and increase and I remember wonders and I remembe

PLUNGING DOWN 10,000 FEET been pushed almost to the utmost and I felt that I was near the end of my powers. But one eight of the barograph made J. ARMSTRONG DRENEL TELLS me grit my teeth and shove the nose of the Blériot a good deal higher than wisdom warranted. Instead of being near the coveted 10,000 mark, I was barely

passing the 5,000 line No words of mine can express the disward The Descent at the Rate of a appointment and the discouragement of Mile in Two Minutes The Collapse, that moment. I was almost all in, yet I had still the two hardest stages of my journey to cover, the bitter fight of jumping and falling, jumping and falling during the final five hundred feet, and It was on the train between Philadel- last but most awful of all, the horrors phia and New York. I had just received of that descent, where the chances were confirmation of my altitude record of a hundred to one against me in my

There was nothing for it, however, but 10,000 mark would never be realized, for trol toward me. There was a rattling quickly, fearing that the tail of the Bleriot "Well," I heard one man say to another, had come loose. But before I had time to "they have settled Drexel's record be turn all the way I mastered myself and not to think of such a possibility as the tail "Yes," said the other. "It seems to coming off. I knew that to give way to such fears would threaten panic with my Easy! Good Lord! They talk of alti- overstrung nerves, and panic would be

for a few moments before breakfast, magic figures "10,000," and mounted much as one would take a constitution: 1 again. Below me there was nothing but or the benefit of one's appetite.

Easy! A man climbs and climbs and which completely shut the earth from my strains every nerve and muscle to the view and I seemed like an impudent breaking point. He fights inch by inch, little fly, buzzing around importantly in forcing a frail machine beyond any- the vastness of infinitude. The thought thing it was ever intended to do. He struck me as being rather droll and I

Then I remembered how a friend of more of strain somewhere, anywhere. I started and with a quizzical expression

'Are you really going for altitude

"Yes " L'answered

There's always a chance." I replied

and jumped into the machine. Since then I have thought over that though man was a long time making short conversation a score of times and self and in his machine. Two thousand I have failed to find in it anything clever fee was merely another step, merely a slightest amusing. Yet away up there question of more confidence and perhaps in a loneliness whose vastness and impressiveness only Legagneaux and I ming and spitting, seemingly to accentuate the very vastness of the solitude begin to give out in the awful struggle up there, passing close to the 9,000 foot upward and the still more awful catapult that the two questions and their answers to the ground again. No man will ever be able adequately I had ever heard, and I started to laugh

The sound of my laughter had some and every muscle refused to do more thing uncanny in it, and I suddenly wor upward. I have experienced it awoke to a realization of the fact that more often than any living aviator, yet I had been laughing in this way for fully even now I cannot recall any detached ten minutes and that there was nothing

ness and futility of effort as I fairly rible possibilities of a loss of mental shrieked through the air to earth, with balance nearly two miles above the earth. the chances a hundred to one against a with the slightest mismovement spelling awful death. I pulled myself together "Anybody can climb for height," said again and made a final desperate effort Mcrane. "The thing is to get down again." to cross the 10,000 mark.

gave it up until young Legagneaux, a up and down up and down through the newcomer, startled us all by his marvellous work that kept me from my graph, and indeed could not see the line coveted honor of being the first to touch the one time I did try, for my eyes had become affected by the strain and every-

attempts this again. One descent from that height is likely to be experience both in body and mind, I gave up the enough to satisfy a man for a long time. struggle and turned the nose of the

altitude record, that fellow who said scent. It would sound like the veriest For the third time I saw death, as it

the ages of suffering that the aviator elevator. Do you remember how dizzy

The effect of this rapid descent is almost

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Fortunately for me I made a perfect My descent was made at the rate of that comes of long practice that That man should have seen the beautiful Blériot as she swept gracefully off while I was travelling horizontally at the ground, for I know that my brain was

The effect of this rapid descent is almost particular. Those who have travelled that elected the machine must have looked like a great gull or a buzzard floating on the breeze, and I said on the pressure of air against the earst pose I might have been sound asleep in her for all the spectators on the ground only have seen of motion or of effort on my part.

Then came the clouds, and I worked my would not be thick or last long, for above the clouds in the sungitude with the world with the world with the world with the special control and the proposed and some ferm a great height float the world with the special control and the special control and

Promising for Others Experiences, and other Italian cities:

SHE IS A TRAVEL CHAPERON "As luck would have it on my return the first party of girls I engaged to eron wanted to go at once to Rome. OF HER WAY OF FARAING A LIN- The leader of the party was an art student and nothing would do but go to Rorre ING ONE WOMAN LOUND. and Florence before any other places. Now I was weakest in my knowledge of Result of a Trip to Europe Qualifications Italian. I extelled the delights of Paris Needed in the Woman Who Takes t p and the charms of Berlin and Munich. the Calling. The Field Said to De but in vain. It was Rome and Florence

Though I only arrived from Bermuda language by means of a phenograph, so the ground with me that day at Point Breeze and as she flew, without effort and with scarcely a tremor, in the first wide preliminary circles as I mounted the first 2,000 feet.

Easy! That would have looked easy to the first would have looked easy to the first 2,000 feet.

Though I only arrived from Eoranda the longuage by means of a phenograph, so to-morrow, said a woman who makes a the machine for fully five minutes after the days of learning a longer working and my muscles were to making this morring I am leaving for Mexico to-morrow, said a woman who makes a the machine for fully five minutes after the days of learning a longer working and my muscles were to longer working and my muscles were to longer working and my muscles were the days of learning a longer working and my muscles were to longer working and my mu simply set there staring vacantly ahead ago, when I was backing around for a assist me very much, for when we reached to myself until I saw a woman coming toward me.

"After that trip, which lasted only three months, I never returned to Italy or Spain for nearly five years. As a consequence I forgot the little I had learned of both languages. Then suddenly there came such a demand for chaperons for parties to both countries that two years ago I could get nothing else.

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daughter who wanted to go to Rome most of all. After telling them candidly that I neither spoke nor understood Italian I happened to mention that as soon as I could get the time I wanted to go to Rome and enter a convent for poked about into all sorts of unusual corress.



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